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SUBJECT: BAATH PARTY SENDS STATEMENT ON SYRIAN POLICY IN
LEBANON TO "FRIENDLY POLITICAL PARTIES"

REF: DAMASCUS 3144

1. MAY 23 SYRIAN PRESS BANNERED: "(BAATH PARTY) NATIONAL
COMMAND DIRECTS MEMORANDUM TO FRATERNAL AND FRIENDLY PARTIES.
WE ARE STRUGGLING TO TOPPLE PLOT AND GUARANTEE UNITY OF
LEBANESE PEOPLE AND LAND. REVOLUTIONARY SYRIA CONCERNED
WITH PALESTINE REVOLUTION AND WITH PROTECTING ITS STRUGGLE."
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, COMMAND'S MEMORANDUM REVIEWED LATES
DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING ARAB CAUSE IN GENERAL AND LEBANESE
CRISIS IN PARTICULAR, IT EXPLAINED VIEW OF SARG AND BAATH
PARTY TOWARD LEBANON, AND DETAILED SYRIAN EFFORTS TO STOP
FIGHTING AND REACH COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT RESTORING
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SECURITY AND STABILITY AND PRESERVING LEBANESE UNITY.

STATEMENT ALSO REITERATED SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE. PRESS DID NOT CARRY TEXT OF MEMORANDUM ITSELF.

2. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN AL-BAATH MAY 24 REAFFIRMED NATIONAL COMMAND'S MEMORANDUM, PROCLAIMING THAT SYRIA HAD NEVER WAIVERED IN ITS SUPPORT FOR UNITY OF LEBANON, PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND BRINGING AND END TO THE FIGHTING.

3. COMMENT: STATEMENT MAY BE ONE PRODUCT OF BAATH PARTY JOINT COMMAND MEETING REPORTED REFTEL. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SYRIAN POSITION TOWARD LEBANESE CRISIS HAS BEEN RESTATED BY SYRIAN MEDIA AND OFFICIALS ON REGULAR BASIS, STATEMENT BY NATIONAL COMMAND WAS PROBABLY INTENDED TO PUT BAATH PARTY ON PUBLIC RECORD AS SUPPORTING SYRIAN ROLE FOLLOWING INTERNAL PARTY CRITICISM OF PRES. ASAD'S CONFRONTATION WITH LEFTIST COALITION IN LEBANON. NET EFFECT OF RC MEMBER AHMAD'S LETTER TO LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY (DAMASCUS 3234), NATIONAL COMMAND MEMORANDUM AND AL-BAATH EDITORIAL HAS BEEN TO CREATE STRONG IMPRESION OF PARTY SUPPORT FOR PRES. ASAD'S ACTIONS IN LEBANON.
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